MAPLE GROVE ARBOR COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING June 9, 2016

MAPLE GROVE GOVERNMENT CENTER 7:00 PM

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Vice Chairperson Julie Gamber at 7:00 pm.

Members Present

Julie Gamber, Joe Hogeboom, Frank Kampel, Terri Polski, Steve Courtney, Rory Howell

Members Absent

Dan Sanford, Ed Reichow, Mary Parenteau, Mary Lynn Kenknight, Rory Howell, Marilyn Arnlund

Also Present

Kelly Matzke - Staff Representative Judy Hanson, City Council Member Liaison

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Vice Chairperson Gamber asked if there were any additions or revisions to the agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Courtney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kampel and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Vice Chairperson Gamber asked if there were any additions or revisions to the May 12, 2016 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Commissioner Kampel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Old Business

Final EAB Management Plan

Staff Liaison Matzke shared that City Council recently adopted the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan. Matzke provided a copy of the Plan for members to review. Matzke mentioned that language referencing budgetary concerns was revised slightly.

Arbor Committee Meeting Minutes June 9, 2016

Staff Liaison Matzke stated that the EAB Management Plan will be reviewed annually. Council Member Hanson stated that the Plan will carry more weight now that it has been officially adopted by the Council. Vice Chair Gamber thanked Council Member Hanson for her role in advocating for the Plan on a Council level.

LCCMR Grant Application Update

Staff Liaison Matzke stated that 135 trees have been purchased and are currently growing in a gravel bed outside of the City Public Works Facility. Matzke explained that the trees will be planted later this summer and fall as replacements for city-owned Ash and boulevard trees that have been removed.

Commissioner Courtney stated that the grant provides for more trees to be purchased for the 2017 growing season. Commissioner Courtney stated that bare root trees require that they are staked, as well as that they are given plenty of water. Staff Liaison Matzke reminded the Committee that "watering rings" were also purchased as a component of the LCCMR grant.

Adopt-A-Street

Staff Liaison Matzke stated that, due to a low turnout, the tri-annual "adopt-a-street" cleaning of Vicksburg Lane was cancelled and must be rescheduled.

The new date and time for the adopt-a-street has been set to Thursday, June 23rd at 5:30 pm. Staff Liaison Matzke will send a reminder about the event to Committee Members via email.

MN/DOT Partnership Landscape Plan

Staff Liaison Matzke reminded the Committee that the City has received an opportunity to partner with MN/DOT to landscape various interchange areas along Interstate 94. Matzke explained that the first area to receive treatment will be the I-94/Hemlock Lane (CSAH 61) interchange. The northeast corner of the interchange is expected to be landscaped this fall, and the southeast corner of the interchange is expected to be landscaped in the fall of 2017.

Commissioners Courtney and Kampel stated that they feel the landscape plan provided by MN/DOT contains a wide variety of plant material and that it will be appropriate for the site. Matzke stated that MN/DOT officials have considered snow removal areas and salt tolerance for the locations. Matzke will contact MN/DOT and convey that the plans are acceptable to the Arbor Committee.

New Business

Firefly Federal Credit Union Landscape Plan

Staff Liaison Matzke introduced this item, and explained that Firefly Credit Union will occupy a new building on the south side of Fountains Lane, adjacent to the existing Lowes store. Matzke stated that the City requires 25 trees be located on the site, but that there are already 12 existing trees.

Commissioner Courtney recommended that the Maple trees on the site be removed and replaced with trees from the City's recommended list of canopy trees. Courtney stated that if shading or screening is the goal in this area, perhaps a deciduous tree, such as a Black Hills Spruce, would be a good alternative.

Staff Liaison Matzke will provide the Committee's comments to the Developer.

Pierre Bottineau Parade

The Pierre Bottineau Parade will be held on the evening of Thursday, July 14. Staff Liaison Matzke will send an email to Committee Members to see who is able to participate in the Parade. Matzke will also touch base with Commissioner Reichow regarding the use of his truck, trailer as well as the trees that will be displayed on the trailer. Matzke will coordinate candy purchase with the Administration Department.

Committee Members agreed to meet at 5:30 pm on the evening of the Parade on 8900 block of Zinnia Lane North. There will be no official Arbor Committee meeting in July.

Area Reports

Staff Liaison Matzke stated that he spoke with Community Development Director Dick Edwards regarding the fact that trees and shrubbery were removed at the Target (15300 Grove Circle North) and Sam's Club (16701 94th Avenue North) locations. Edwards will ask his staff to investigate the situation. Matzke will research requirements in the performance and development agreements and see if there are any enforcement measures that can be applied to the situations.

Adjournment

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Courtney and passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Hogeboom, Secretary City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee June 10, 2016

Joseph Hozboom